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TAGS: PREL, CH, IR, IZ, US
SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER WU VISIT: HANDLING
- CHINESE ARMS SALES TO IRAN

REF: STATE 30430

1. [REDACTED]

2. SUMMARY. CHINESE ARMS SALES TO IRAN IS THE MOST DIFFICULT ISSUE WE WILL FACE DURING FOREIGN MINISTER WU XUEQIAN'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON. WU WILL PRESS FOR A LIFTING OF RESTRICTIONS. WE AGREE WITH REFTEL THAT THE CHINESE RESPONSES [REDACTED] ON THIS ISSUE HAVE BEEN MIXED BUT TO AN IMPORTANT DEGREE POSITIVE. THE CHINESE ASSERT -- AND PROBABLY BELIEVE -- THAT THEY HAVE ESSENTIALLY COMPLIED. GIVEN THE AMBIGUITIES OF ASSESSING CHINESE COMPLIANCE, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD STRIKE A BALANCED POSTURE WITH WU ON THIS ISSUE. IT WILL BE PREMATURE TO RETURN TO BUSINESS AS USUAL. WHILE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR CHINESE ASSURANCES THAT THEY HAVE IMPOSED STRICT MEASURES TO PREVENT THE TRANSFER OF CHINESE SILKWORM MISSILES TO IRAN, WE SHOULD LEAVE WU

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WITH THE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE STILL HATCHING.

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WE SHOULD STATE THAT IF THE SITUATION ALLOWS, WE HOPE TO RESUME THE PROCESS OF LIBERALIZATION OF TECH TRANSFER CONTROLS IN THE COMING MONTHS. WE SHOULD ALSO CONTINUE TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF CHINESE COOPERATION IN ENFORCING UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 598.

END SUMMARY.

3. WHEN FOREIGN MINISTER WU XUEQIAN ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON FIVE WEEKS FROM NOW, CHINESE ARMS SALES TO IRAN IS CERTAINLY LIKELY TO BE THE MOST TROUBLESONE ISSUE ON THE AGENDA. OUR HANDLING OF THIS ONE ISSUE WILL HEAVILY INFLUENCE THE SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF THE VISIT, BOTH SUBSTANTIIVELY -- IN TERMS OF THE TRIP'S OVERALL IMPACT ON SINO-U.S. RELATIONS; AND POLITICALLY -- IN SO FAR AS IT AFFECTS PERCEPTIONS OF THE SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIP BY THE U.S., CHINA AND OTHERS. ALTHOUGH WE WILL BE PREPARING AN OVERALL SCIMESBETTER FOR THE VISIT IN THE COMING WEEKS, IT IS NOT TOO SOON TO CONSIDER SEPARATELY HOW BEST TO DEAL WITH THE GULF ISSUE.

THE CHINESE SCORECARD

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WE BELIEVE THE RECORD IS MIXED BUT THAT THE CHINESE HAVE MADE SOME EFFORT TO

--HALT THE SUPPLY OF ANTI-NAVAL MISSILES TO IRAN, AS

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WELL AS THE TRAINING AND SPARE PARTS NEEDED TO USE THEM;

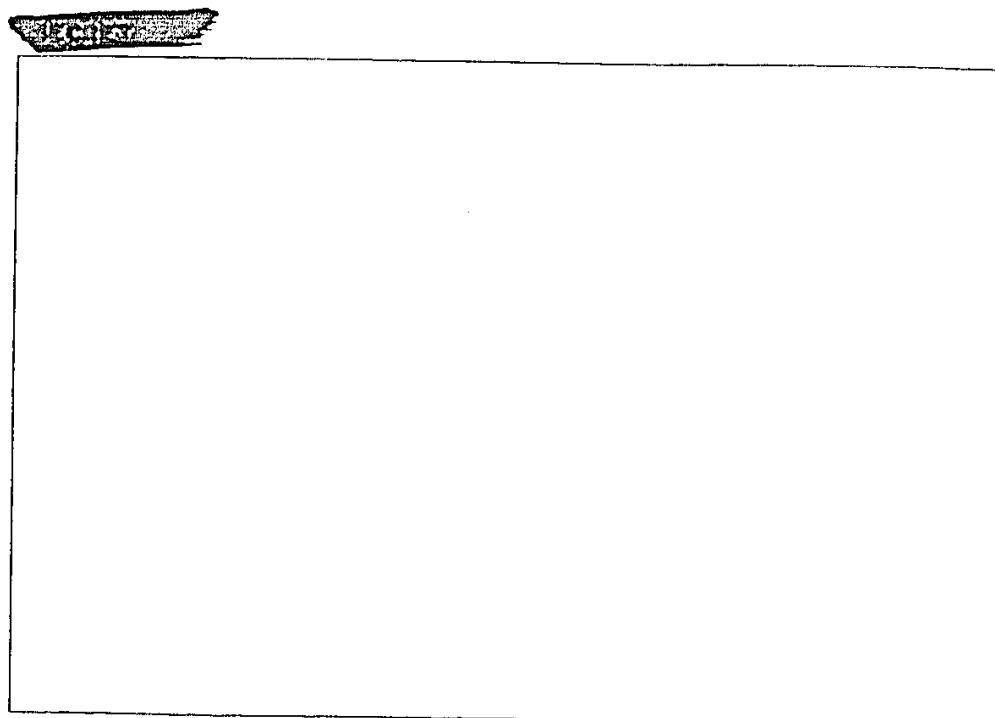
--ENSURE THAT IRAN DOES NOT USE THE MISSILES IT ALREADY HAS AGAINST THE U.S. AND OTHER NON-BELLIGERENTS;

--JOIN IN UN SECURITY COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS ON MEASURES TO ENFORCE UNSC RESOLUTION 598, INCLUDING AN ARMS EMBARGO

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THE CHINESE PERSPECTIVE

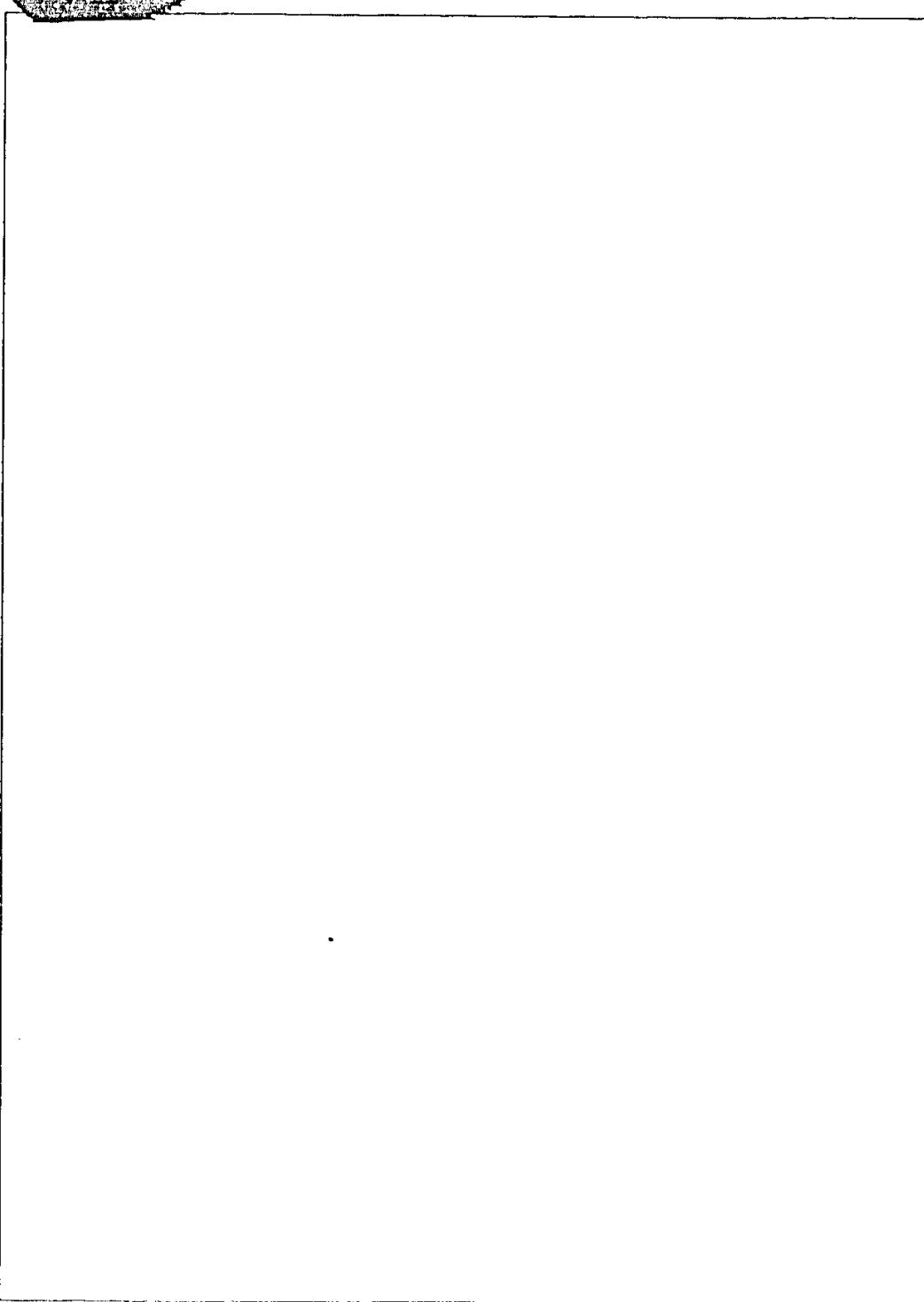
8. IT IS IMPORTANT TO POINT OUT THAT, FROM THE CHINESE PERSPECTIVE, THEY PROBABLY BELIEVE WHAT THEY ASSERT: THAT THEY HAVE ESSENTIALLY COMPLIED WITH OUR REQUESTS.

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SUFFICIENTLY AT LEAST TO SATISFY US AND REMOVE THE ISSUE AS A THORN IN OUR RELATIONS.

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11. FOREIGN MINISTER WU, FOR HIS PART, WILL ASK FOR -- AND MAY EXPECT -- A POSITIVE U.S. RESPONSE TO WHAT BEIJING REGARDS AS CHINESE COMPLIANCE TO OUR DEMANDS. HE WILL LIKELY REPEAT THE CHINESE REQUEST THAT WE LIFT THE SUSPENSION ON A FURTHER LIBERALIZATION OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER EXPORT CONTROLS, PERHAPS NOTING THAT FOR SEVERAL MONTHS THE CHINESE HAVE NOT DELIVERED SILKWORMS TO THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET. FOR OUR PART, WE SHOULD

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DEMONSTRATE APPRECIATION FOR THE POSITIVE STEPS THE
CHINESE HAVE TAKEN, WITHOUT AT THE SAME TIME IMPLYING
THAT THE ISSUE IS BEHIND US, AS MUCH AS WE WISH IT WERE.

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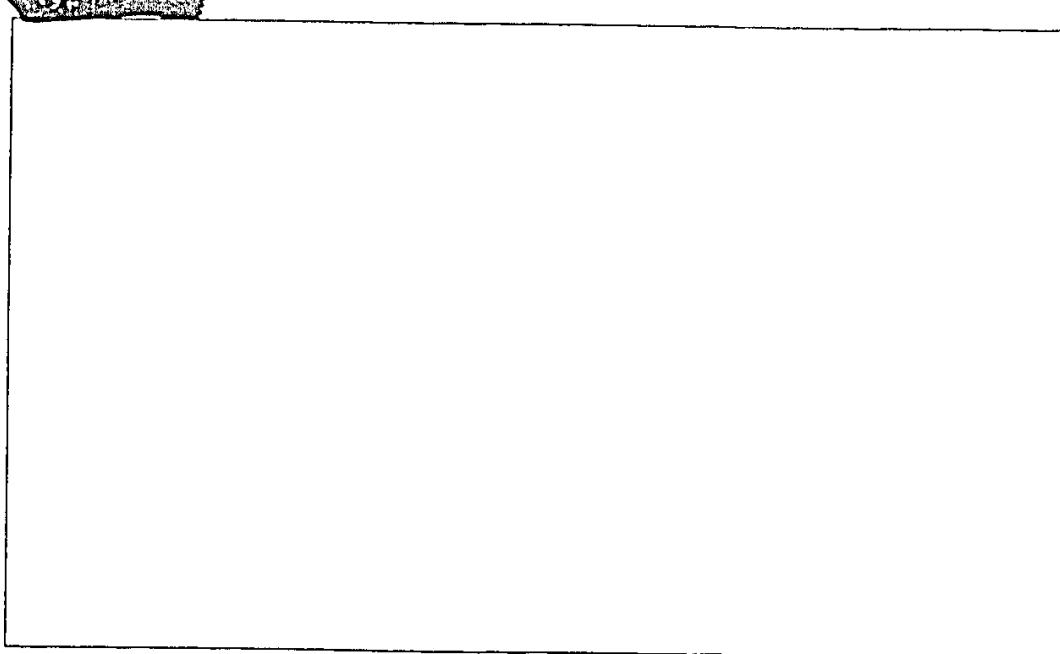
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CHINESE SILKWORMS BEING SHIPPED TO IRAN THROUGH NORTH
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